

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

of a bill

To facilitate the procurement of doctors of medicine and doctors of dentistry for the Armed Forces by providing grants and scholarships for education in the medical and dental professions, and for other purposes.

Section 1 authorizes the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to establish annual scholarships for the education and training of doctors and dentists to help meet the needs of the Armed Forces.

Section 2.

Subsection (a) establishes, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, separate Medical Services Scholarship Groups for the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Subsection (b) lists the basic qualifications and requirements for enrollment as a member of a Medical Services Scholarship Group.

Subsection (c) provides that membership in a Medical Services Scholarship Group may be terminated under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

Section 3.

Subsection (a) provides that members of a Medical Services Scholarship Group shall receive an allowance which is not to exceed \$133 per month while attending a full-time course of instruction or training in a school of medicine or dentistry.

Subsection (b) provides that, while enrolled in a Medical Services Scholarship Group, members will not be considered or made eligible for military or veteran benefits of any kind by reason of such membership.

Section 4 provides that the scholarships shall be provided for by contracts with institutions, approved by the Secretary of Defense, offering training leading to degrees in medicine or dentistry. The payment by the Government under these contracts shall cover all expenses, in addition to the monetary allowances mentioned above,

Section 3, necessary to effectuate the Act. Such contracts shall include provisions that each school of medicine and school of dentistry which provides training leading to an M.D. or D.D.S. degree will receive an amount sufficient to cover tuition, fees and laboratory expenses normally charged students by the school concerned.

Section 5 provides that the establishment, award, continuance or discontinuance of scholarships provided for under this Act and the effectuation of the purposes thereof shall be by regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) contain provisions which are to be included in regulations. These include qualifications of scholarship beneficiaries; prior acceptance by an educational institution; requirement for an agreement to accept an appointment upon graduation as an officer in a reserve component of the Armed Forces concerned, and to remain an officer therein until the eighth anniversary of his original appointment and to serve on active duty, excluding any time spent in internship or residency training, one year for each year of training, with the exception that if less than three years of payments are made on behalf of a beneficiary he may be required to complete a minimum of three years of active duty; provision for selection of qualified graduates for appointment as regular officers by the Secretary concerned.

Section 6 provides for the voluntary relief of a graduate's remaining active duty obligation after serving three years of active duty exclusive of any time spent in internship or residency training, if the member refunds the total amount paid in his behalf by the Government. This section is not intended to affect the total 8 year active duty-reserve obligation.

Section 7 provides for the repayment to the Government of the total amount of tuition, fees and laboratory expenses, and the total amount paid in the form of monetary allowances, plus interest, if a scholarship beneficiary fails to complete a course of instruction. The Secretary of Defense may remit in whole or in part, the amount due in cases of hardship or for other good cause. Provision is made for the reduction of the amount due if active duty is performed as prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Such reduction will not be greater than the percentage between the number of full months of active duty performed and the number of months for which the beneficiary received a monetary allowance.

Section 8 establishes an Armed Forces Medical Services Scholarship Board composed of a chairman, appointed by the Secretary of Defense, and the Surgeons General of the three services to advise

the Secretary of Defense concerning the administration of the Act.

Section 9.

Subsection (a) authorizes the appropriation of money necessary to carry out this Act.

Subsection (b) provides that all payments under the Act may be made without regard to Section 3648, Revised Statutes, which contains certain prohibitions against advances of public monies.

Section 10 contains the short title, "Armed Forces Medical Scholarship Act of 1954."

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

DATE 9-28-54

TO: Mr. Pforzheimer

FROM: _____

REMARKS:

Inadvertently omitted as enclosure
to request for views dated 9-27-54.